

Testing for employees returning to work on 8 February, begins

In order to ensure the smooth re-opening of businesses and professional sectors within the framework of the strategy for the gradual resumption of society and the economy, a free screening program of rapid antigen testing will be carried out for employees who are returning to their workplace. According to the plan for the gradual lifting of restrictions, **the screening program begins on Tuesday, 2 February for employees who will be returning to work on 8 February.**

Following the decisions of the Council of Ministers and according to the strategic de-escalation of restrictive measures, on 8 February the following employees are expected to return to work: retail businesses' staff, educators and staff of primary schools as well as educators teaching third-grade students of Lyceums and Technical Schools, and the staff of museums and archaeological sites. Approximately 80.000 persons are expected to return to work.

Consequently, and in order to render possible the testing of all employees who will be returning to their workplace, **the employees will be grouped alphabetically according to their surname.** The testing units will, therefore, serve these employees as follows:

Day/Date	Surname – Greek alphabet	Surname – Latin alphabet
Tuesday, 2 February	Α – Γ	A – D
Wednesday, 3 February	Δ – Ι	E – I
Thursday, 4 February	Κ – Λ	J – M
Friday, 5 February	Μ – Ο	N – R
Saturday, 6 February	Π – Σ	S – V
Sunday, 7 February	Τ – Ω	W – Z

Employees are **encouraged to adhere to the above alphabetical grouping** so that the program will be carried out in an organized manner without overcrowding or inconvenience. Those employees who do not proceed for testing according to the above arrangement, will have to undergo a test **by Monday, 8 February, since a negative rapid test outcome constitutes a requirement for returning to work.**

The testing program for employees will be carried out at the same time as the testing program for the general population. In order to better serve all citizens, testing units for the period **1-7 February** will operate **in 53 locations in all Districts, with extended operating hours**, as follows:

District	Location of testing units	Operating hours
Lemesos/ Limassol (13 units)	Church of Agios Ioannis Eleimon, Lemesos	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	'Andreas Themistocleous' TEPAK building, Ayia Zoni (old land registry, Athinon street)	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Mesa Geitonia Cultural Center	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of the Apostles Peter and Paul, Kapsalos	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of Panagia Evangelistria, Polemidia	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of Panayia Chrysopolitissa, Ypsonas	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of Agia Varvara, Zakaki	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Cultural Center of the Municipality of Germasogeia	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of the Apostle Luke, Agios Athanasios (housing settlement)	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	"Kouris" Association, Erimi	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Trimiklini Community Council	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

	Church of Agios Stylianos, Linopetra	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Multipurpose Center, Pyrgos, Lemesos	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Larnaka (12 units)	"Agios Georgios Kontos" Cultural Center, Larnaka	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Larnaka Municipal Theater	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Apostolos Pavlos Church, Larnaka (Krasas area)	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Hall of the "Agios Savvas" Center, Livadia	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Dromolaxia Municipal Amphitheater	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	"Omonia Aradippou" Association, Aradippou	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Palaio Pantopoleio building, Xylotympou	8.30 a.m.-1 p.m.
	Ormidia Community Council	1.30 pm-6 p.m.
	Skarinou Cultural Center	8.30 a.m.-1 p.m.
	Kornos Community Clinic	1.30 pm-6.30 p.m.
	Athienou Indoor Sports Hall	1.30 pm-6 p.m.

	Old Community Council of Oroklini (1 Armonias Street)	8.30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lefkosia (15 units)	State Fair, Engomi (in front of the East Entrance)	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Agios Pavlos Church, Agios Dometios	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Agios Dimitrios Church, Acropolis	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Apostolos Andreas Church, Aglantzia (Kyrenia Avenue)	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of Panagia Evangelistria, Palouriotissa	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of Agios Georgios, Latsia	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Church of Agia Paraskevi, Lakatamia	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Tis tou Theou Sofias Church, Strovolos	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Agios Vasileios Church, Strovolos	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Geri Municipality	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Agios Georgios Church, Deftera	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

	Church of the Apostle Varnavas, Kokkinotrimithia	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Dali Health Center	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Peristerona Community Council	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	"Triptolemos" Association, Evrychou	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Pafos (6 units)	Church of the Apostles Pavlos and Varnavas, Pafos	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Former House of the District Officer, Pafos (Griva Digeni Street)	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Apostolos Andreas Church, Polis Chrysochous	8.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Multipurpose Hall of the Community Council of Emba	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	Timi Community Clinic	8.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Church of Agia Paraskevi, Geroskipou	1.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Ammochostos /Famagusta (7 units)	Spiritual Center of the Metropolitan Church of Paralimni	8.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	"Onisilos" Association, Sotira	8.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

	Ayia Napa Church, Ayia Napa	1.30 pm-6 p.m.
	Avgorou senior citizens' club	8.30 a.m.-1 p.m.
	Ethnikofrona Somateia, Liopetri	1.30 p.m.-6 p.m.
	Frenaros Community Council	8.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Deryneia Adults' Center	1.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.